Paseo del Bosque Tour in brief

Parking: at Rio Bravo Blvd and Poco Loco, near underpass under Rio Bravo Hispanic Cultural Center
Parking lot off Tingley Drive one block west of 8th St.
Parking lots around Tingley Beach Lakes
Parking lot off Central just southwest of Biopark
Parking lot at west end of Gabaldon Place
At Rio Grande Nature Center (fee lot) and along Candelaria Rd.
Parking lot across Montaño Bridge next to tree sculpture garden
Parking lot across Paseo del Norte Bridge’s bicycle/pedestrian lane (at Frontage Road and Alamo Farm Road)
Parking lot just east of Alameda Bridge (for Bachechi Open Space Park too)

5.4 mile loop at south end of trail. Can start anywhere along it, including at Rio Bravo Blvd. next to the river or at 2nd Street near the Mountain View Elementary School.

0.0 miles from Rio Bravo at the Rio Grande/13.7 miles from Alameda Blvd. at the Rio Grande.
Start of trail heading north.

2.1/11.6 miles. Bike trail crosses small ditch, coming very close to 2nd Street.

North of the fence are fields used for farming; in recent years, alfalfa and chiles have been the main crops. Waterfowl cruising above the Rio Grande will often stop here – in the winter, the stately sandhill crane is a regular attendee.

3.2/10.5 miles. Bike trail passes the National Hispanic Cultural Center and ducks under Bridge Blvd. underpass.

3.8/9.9 miles. Pass the west side of the ABQ BioPark Zoo.

4.3 / 9.4 miles. Alcalde Place to the east – connection with Lead and Coal Streets, leading through downtown and miles to the east.


4.7/9.0 miles. Tingley Lake parking lot to the east, short trail to river landing to the left.

5.3/8.4 miles. Pass under Central Avenue, reaching Rotary Riverside Park and the south end of the ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden and Aquarium.

6.3/7.4 miles Bike trail meets the west end of a connecting bike trail, leading to the west end of Mountain Road, also the west end of Albuquerque’s Bike Boulevard.

6.5/7.2 miles Paseo del Bosque crosses under Interstate-40, intersecting the I-40 Bike Trail, including the sleek Gail Ryba bike bridge over the Rio Grande.
8.2/5.5 miles Trail exit for Candelaria Road and the Rio Grande Nature Center

9.5/4.2 miles Trail crosses under Montaño Road and its bridge to the west side of the river. Bike/pedestrian trail along south side of the bridge.

12.6/1.1 miles Trail reaches Paseo del Norte and bike trails to east as far as North Diversion Channel Trail and west across the river bridge.

13.7/0.0 miles Trail arrives at parking lot at north end of trail and just SE of where Alameda Blvd. crosses the river. Bike/pedestrian bridge alongside auto bridge to Corrales and Rio Rancho just beyond parking lot; bike trail leads east to the Bachechi Open Space Park, across the Valley and up the hill toward the Balloon Fiesta Park.

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